

RUSHVILLE CITY UNSAFE HEARING BOARD
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007
5:00 P.M.

The Unsafe Hearing Board met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., with Gary Cameron, Chris Fields, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse and Elizabeth Gist, *Rushville Republican*..

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the April 3, 2007 meeting were presented for approval. Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

721/725 N Morgan — Bridges received a phone call from Doug Morgan. Morgan said he thought the meeting was next week instead of today. He stated that he would like to come to the next meeting. Harmon said that Morgan has not returned any of his calls and the certified mail he has sent has not been accepted by Morgan. Harmon said the only thing he has done to the outside of the house is the siding. He has not done anything to the dormers or the roof. Cameron said he thought there should be a special meeting called for Morgan to appear. Fields made a motion to file suit in Court. The motion died for lack of second. Pavey made a motion to call a special meeting for May 15th and if he does not appear then suit should be filed. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

321 W 7th — Notice has been served on one party and Harmon has also spoken with legal counsel. Meanwhile the building continues to deteriorate. Harmon stated that if he doesn't hear something by next week he will request Newhouse to contact the owner's attorney.

863 S Donald — There has been significant clean up. Most of the fence is also up. Bridges said he thought some of this may be a zoning issue. Newhouse will check on the zoning.

227 N Main – There has been no response. The city has boarded up the windows. An invoice will be issued along with a citation.

828 W 8th – Harmon is trying to track down the owner.

602 E 11th – Fields said he thought the property has been abandoned. People are dumping food and trash near the building. Harmon will send a certified letter to the owner and his attorney. Harmon will walk the property on Wednesday.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

823 W 7th – Received a call from Duke Energy that they had pulled the meter. When they moved weeds away from the meter to read it sparks flew.

219 N Harrison – This is a duplex. The owner lives in Indianapolis. Harmon has served an order and is waiting to receive a schedule for repairs.

137 W 2nd – Stucco had fallen on the sidewalk last week. This has been repaired. Upon further investigation it was discovered on the 3rd floor that the floor had gotten wet and there were mushrooms growing. Harmon has ordered the owner to have a structural study done by an engineer regarding the structural integrity.

Code Enforcement Report – Harmon reported the following:

- 15 new cases were opened in April. There were also 92 new cases opened which were a result from the heavy trash pickup. 18 cases were closed.
- Articles are running in the paper.
- There has been an issue with the GIS and the utility data base. They will be meeting next week.
- The utility inspections are underway.
- Everything has been sent to ARa regarding the housing grant.
- Harmon is assisting the Area Plan Commission on a temporary basis while Bill Todd is recovering from surgery.

There was no further business to come before the Board, Fields made a motion to adjourn. Cameron seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.